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SUBJECT: PTT LINE COSTS

REF: WA241736 GRAPH THREE, ON LINE COSTS

1. WE MET WITH PTT YESTERDAY AND THEY SAID THAT EVERY-
THING HAS BEEN WORKED OUT AND THEY SHOULD BE GETTING A
LETTER FROM THE MFA WITHIN A FEW DAYS, THE LINES ARE
MARKED FOR US AND THEY WILL START IMMEDIATELY UPON RECEIPT
OF THE LETTER.

2. WHEN WE QUERIED PTT ABOUT THE COST ONLY FROM KARACHI
TO ISLAMABAD, THEY SAID THAT THESE COSTS WERE ONLY NOMINAL.
THE \$200,000.00 PRICE QUOTE WAS A HIGH ESTIMATE FOR THE

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THE U.K., BUT THE ACTUAL COST MIGHT BE SLIGHTLY LOWER,
PERHAPS WE MISUNDERSTOOD, BUT WHEN [REDACTED] AND
MYSELF FIRST MET WITH PTT WE WERE TOLD THAT THEY COULD
ONLY HANDLE THE TAILS HERE AND WE HAD TO ARRANGE FOR THE
COMSAT CIRCUIT, I THOUGHT THE COMSAT CHARGES HAD BEEN
ARRANGED IN THE U.K. AND THAT WE WERE ONLY CONCERNED WITH
THE TAILS IN PAKISTAN, NOW, HOWEVER, WE ARE MEETING WITH
THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNICATIONS SECTION OF PTT AND THEY
CLAIM THAT THE TAILS IN THE U.K. TO THE U.K. GROUND
STATION AND THE COMSAT CIRCUIT TO KARACHI IS ONE COST TO
BE PAID IN THE U.K., AND THE TAILS IN PAKISTAN TO THE
KARACHI GROUND STATION AND THE COMSAT CIRCUIT TO THE U.K.
ARE SEPARATE CHARGES TO BE PAID IN PAKISTAN. IN OTHER
WORDS EACH COUNTRY COLLECTS FOR TAILS WITHIN THEIR COUNTRY
AND HALF THE TOTAL COMSAT CHARGES, HAVE WE PAID FOR THE
COMPLETE COMSAT CIRCUIT, OR IS PTT CORRECT IN STATING THAT
WE ALSO PAY COMSAT CHARGES HERE IN ADDITION TO THE
ISLAMABAD TO KARACHI TAILS; [REDACTED]

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